

## 60th International Making Cities Livable (IMCL)

*"Making Cities Livable: From Research Into Communication, and ACTION"*

*Bois Doré Estate \* Newport, Rhode Island USA \* April 26-28, 2024*

### DRAFT PROGRAM (As Of April 10)

**Friday**

**April 26th 2:00 PM OPTIONAL NEWPORT BIKE TOUR**  
*(Offered by Bike Newport, consult website for details and tickets)*

**Friday**

**April 26th 5:00 PM EVENING RECEPTION**  
*Wine, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres*  
Formal Welcome (*Anne Fairfax and Richard Sammons*)  
Background (*Michael Mehaffy, IMCL*)  
Goals, Outcomes (*Ben Bolgar, The King's Foundation*)  
**6:30 PM End**

**Saturday 8:00 AM REGISTRATION** (*Coffee, snacks*)

**April 27th**

**9:00 AM OPENING PLENARY**  
**Research into Communication and ACTION:**  
*Assessing Where We Are*

9:05 AM *Sharing Our Successes through Research*

Jim Brainard, IMCL and City of Carmel

9:15 AM *Driving Global Change through the Commonwealth*

Ben Bolgar, The King's Foundation

9:25 AM *Research Driving Reforms to Scale*

Mallory Baches, Congress for the New Urbanism

9:35 AM *The Original Green: Sustainability and Lovability*

Steve Mouzon, The Urban Guild

9:45 AM Panel

**10:15 AM PLENARY 2**

**Research Driving Change:  
*Opportunities and Limits***

*Housing Policy and Land-use Law - A Strained Marriage*

10:15 AM Rachelle Alterman, The Technion, IIT  
*The Limits of Research in Driving Change*

10:25 AM David Brain, New College of Florida  
*Why Public Space Matters: What the Research Says*

10:35 AM Setha Low, The Graduate School, CUNY  
*Transportation Research: Driving Change, Too Slowly?*

10:45 AM Wes Marshall, University of Colorado

10:55 AM Panel

**11:30 AM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)**

**12:00 PM PLENARY 3**

***Tools and Strategies, Part One***

12:00 PM Fred Kent, PlacemakingX

12:05 PM Christy Milliken, The Seaside Institute

12:10 PM Krista Nightengale, Better Block

12:15 PM Madeleine Spencer, PlacemakingUS

12:20 PM Speaker TBD

12:25 PM Speaker TBD

12:30 PM Panel

**1:00 PM LUNCH (Sandwiches, snacks, drinks provided)  
(Or walk to Thames Street)**

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 1 (Ballroom, Conference Format)**

***Reforming the "Operating System for Growth:" Critical, but Never Easy!***

*Strong Towns 101: Resilience Through Reform*

Chris Allen, Strong Towns

*A New Municipal Growth Framework for Canada: Towards Financial Sustainability*

Rory Nisan, City of Burlington ON

*The Ins and Outs of Zoning in the City Beautiful: What Can We Learn?*

Christine Storry, Utopia Architects

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 2 (Dining Room, Symposium Format)**

***The Existential Challenge of a Changing Climate***

*Climate of Hope: Cities Leading the Way*  
John Hans Gilderbloom, University of Louisville  
*NYC 2100: Resiliency, Housing and Equity for the City with Six Feet of Sea Level Rise*  
William Kenworthy, HOK  
*How Climate Change is Connected to Everything Else - in a Challenging but Useful Way*  
Michael Mehaffy, Lennard Institute/IMCL (Moderator)  
*Using Urban Heat Health Score (HHS) to Compare the Heat Health of US Locations*  
Veronica Westendorff, UNC Charlotte

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 3 (Game Room, Workshop Format)**

*Teaching the Next Generation of Citymakers*

*Bolstering A Growing Movement: The Need for Educated Young Voices*

Will McCollum, Citymakers Collective

*Introducing Citymakers Collective*

Katherine O'Neil, Citymakers Collective

*Challenging the Pedagogical Paradigm: A Roundtable Discussion*

With Ann Sussman, Bertram Barthel, Marjo Uotila, and Ruben Hanssen

Moderated by Will McCollum and Katherine O'Neil, Citymakers Collective

**3:45 PM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)**

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 4 (Ballroom, Conference Format)**

*Why Public Space Matters*

*Public Space and Civic Intentions*

David Brain, New College of Florida (Moderator)

*Scaling Up - Examples of Public Space Projects from HealthBridge*

Kristie Daniel, HealthBridge

*Why Public Space Matters*

Setha Low (Moderator)

*Designing Parks Together: Generative Placemaking Strategies*

Lobna Mostafa, Menia University

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 5 (Dining Room, Symposium Format)**

*Design for a Living Planet: Natural Ecology and Human Settlement*

*Design for the 21st Century Sustainable Suburb*

William Batson, PVAMU

*Teaching the Ecology of Place in an Interdisciplinary Design Studio*

Sallie Hambright-Belue, Clemson University

*Bananas in Snow Country: A Case Full of Clues for Liveable Green Building*

Robert Knapp, The Evergreen State College

*Typo-morphology as a Methodological Framework to Evaluate Urban Sustainability*

Anirban Adhya, Lawrence Technical University

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 6 (Game Room, Workshop Format)**  
***Placemaking Advancements: Frontier Tools and Strategies***

*A New Era of Downtown Opportunity: 5-minute Placemaking*

David Dixon, Stantec Urban Places

*Building a Global Placemaking Movement*

Ethan Kent, PlacemakingX (Moderator)

*Placemaking with the Neighbors, Block by Block*

Krista Nightengale, Better Block

*Placemaking in the USA*

Madeleine Spencer, PlacemakingUS

**5:30 PM End**

**5:30 PM RECEPTION (Wine, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres)**

**6:00 PM EVENING PLENARY 4**

**Research into Communication and Action:**

***The Road From Here***

*A Roundtable on The Strategy for Going to Scale*

With Rachelle Alterman, Mallory Baches, Ben Bolgar, Kristie Daniel,

Setha Low, Andrew Rudd, and members of the audience

Moderated by Michael Mehaffy, IMCL

**7:00 PM End**

**Sunday**  
**April 28th**

**8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Coffee, snacks)**

**9:00 AM PLENARY 5**

**Human-Centered Design:**

***Toward a Research Agenda***

9:05 AM *Journey to the Center of the Brain*

Nir Buras, Classic Planning Institute

9:15 AM *Design as if Users Mattered (and Neighbors)*

Michael Mehaffy, IMCL

9:25 AM *Eye-tracking and User Experience*

Ann Sussman, the HAPI

9:35 AM *The Architectural Rebellion: Places As If People Mattered*

Marjo Uotila, INTBAU

9:45 AM Panel

**10:15 AM PLENARY 6**

**Meeting the Challenges, Connecting the Dots:  
*Climate Change, Affordability, Justice, and More***

- 10:15 AM *Affordability and Land Speculation*  
Patrick Condon, Univ. of British Columbia
- 10:25 AM *Scaling Up Public Spaces for All*  
Kristie Daniel, HealthBridge
- 10:35 AM *Climate of Hope: Climate Change and Environmental Justice*  
John Hans Gilderbloom, Univ. of Louisville
- 10:45 AM *Cities and Public Spaces for All: Toward a New Urban Agenda*  
Andrew Rudd, UN-Habitat

**10:55 AM Panel**

**11:30 AM BREAK (*Coffee, tea, snacks*)**

**12:00 PM PLENARY 7**

**Tools and Strategies, Part Two**

- 12:00 PM Chris Allen, Strong Towns
- 12:05 PM Mary Gardill, Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
- 12:10 PM Justin Hollander, Tufts University
- 12:15 PM Ethan Kent, PlacemakingX
- 12:20 PM Senchel Matthews, Full Frame Initiative
- 12:25 PM Kent Watkins, American Academy of Housing and Communities
- 12:30 PM Panel

**1:00 PM LUNCH (*Sandwiches, snacks, drinks provided*)  
(*Or walk to Thames Street*)**

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 7 (Ballroom, Conference Format)  
*User Experience and Human-Centered Design***

*Lessons from Neuroscience: A 100-Year Plan for Indiana Avenue, IN*  
Nir Buras, Classic Planning Institute

*The Place of Beauty: Neuroscience, Health, and Sustainability*  
Daniel Morales, Morales Architects

*How Eye Tracking Changes How We 'See' Architecture + Ourselves*  
Ann Sussman, the HAPI Institute (Moderator)

*Cognitive Architecture: A New Understanding*  
Justin Hollander, Tufts University

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 8 (Dining Room, Symposium Format)**

***Street and Transportation Reforms***

*IF THERE ISN'T A PARKING SPOT OUT FRONT, I'M...*

Alex Krumdieck, Auburn University (Plus two students)

*Breaking the Gridlock: Empowering Livable Cities Beyond Traffic Engineering Norms*

Wes Marshall, University of Colorado (Moderator)

*User Experience in Improved Non-motorised Transport Infrastructure in Nairobi*

Akosa Wambalaba, US Int'l Univ - Africa

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 9 (Game Room, Workshop Format)**

***Beach Politics: Social, Racial, and Environmental Injustice on the Shoreline***

*Accessibility to the Coastal Environment: Cross-National Comparative Analysis*

Rachelle Alterman and Cygal Pellach The Technion / IIT

*Racism and the Rockaways or Surfing the Cliff: A Success Story in Rhode Island*

Bryce Dubois, College of the Holy Cross

*Scaling up: Beach Activism and Different Ability Access in Kerala, India*

Kristie Daniel, HealthBridge

*Beach Appropriation and Exclusion Strategies: How do we Stop Them?*

Setha Low, City University of New York

**3:45 PM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)**

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 10 (Ballroom, Conference Format)**

***Housing, Communities and Affordability***

*Unveiling the True Culprit in Soaring Housing Cost: The Land Value Capture Imperative*

Patrick Condon, UBC

*Building New Construction Townhouses and Pre-Approved Plans*

Alli Quinlan, Flintlock LAB

*Housing Affordability and Location Efficiency: Not Just What, But WHERE*

Kent Watkins, American Academy of Housing and Communities

*Delivering Not Just More, But Truly Livable, Housing for Generations to Come*

David Woltering, Woltering Community Planning (Moderator)

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 11 (Dining Room, Symposium Format)**

***Retrofitting Settlements: Tools, Strategies, and Lessons Learned***

*Waterfront Communities: Repurpose, Recreation, and Renaissance*

Mary Gardill, Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

*Making Cities Livable from Below? Repurposing the Geography of Apartheid*

Stefan Norgaard, Columbia University

*Turning Academic Aspirations into Community Action for Revitalized Downtowns*

Ryan Sandwick, CalPoly San Luis Obispo

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 12 (Game Room, Workshop Format)**

***Innovative Approaches to Just and Equitable Cities***

*Creating Public Spaces that Center Equity and Wellbeing through New Tech*

Senchel Matthews and colleagues, Full Frame Initiative

*Just Urbanism: Reclamation + Repair = Renewal*

Edgar Adams and Brian Hendrickson, Roger Williams University

Ray "Two Hawks" Watson, MCP, JD, Founder, Providence Cultural

Equity Initiative

**5:30 PM End**

**5:30 PM CLOSING PARTY (Wine, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres)**

**7:00 PM End**

**Monday 10:00 AM OPTIONAL DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE WALKING TOUR**

**April 29th**

*(Offered by Cornish Associates, Runyon Heritage Associates and  
Union Studio Architects, consult website for details and tickets)*